

Testimony Bill 5

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Committee Chair Berg and esteemed Council Members

My Name is Elaine O'Day

- I am in opposition to Bill 5 on a personal & professional level. I have worked in the Tourist Industry in Hawaii for almost 20 years. I currently work for Travel Plaza Transportation.
- Bill 5 as written not only restricts commercial tour buses from accessing the Beach Parks on Sundays but restricts filming or videography of special events such as graduation, baby luaus, reunions or weddings on Sundays.
- The door is left open to later restrict these activities on Saturdays and Holidays.
- Tourism is one of the two ~~largest economies~~ ^{Industries} in Hawaii. Tourism has kept a roof over my head and food on the table and allowed me to educate my children.
- Hawaii spend millions each year to bring people from all over the world to experience our beaches and all the other beautiful things Hawaii has to offer. This bill is telling them come and spend your money but you are not welcome at "OUR" beaches on Sunday. Not much Aloha Spirit there.
- The Asian traveler ~~is~~ is used to being moved by commercial vehicles with a translator letting them enjoy the Hawaiian experience in their own language. Are we going to tell them they are not welcome on Sunday or Saturday?
- This bill would take money out of the pockets of the merchants and food off the tables of all that provide the services to bring these valued customer to them.
- All Hawaii residents would suffer financially if the experience we are trying to sell the world is withheld from the people we invite to come and enjoy our beautiful Islands.

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